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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA

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1. FONMIN DE LA FLOR TOLD ME TODAY (JANUARY 22) THAT PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ WELCOMES THE PROJECTED VISIT TO PERU OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND HAS SET 12:00 NOON OF FEBRUARY 18, WEDNESDAY, AS THE TIME HE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE NPE SECRETARY. DE LA FLOR EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ANY ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT COULD BE HELD OFF UNTIL FEBRUARY 6, THE DAY FOLLOWING THE ANNIVERSARY OF LAST YEAR'S LIMA RIOTS, IN ORDER TO AVOID POSSIBLE EFFORTS BY ULTRA LEFTIST ELEMENTS IN PERU TO LINK CHARGES MADE LAST YEAR OF CIA INVOLVEMENT IN THOSE RIOTS TO THE KISSINGER VISIT. I TOLD DE LA FLOR THAT A DELAY IN THE TIMING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT MAY BE DIFFICULT BECAUSE THE TRIP INVOLVED VENEZUELA, BRAZIL AND COSTA RICA AS WELL, AND AT LEAST ONE LEAK TO THE PRESS PUBLISHED IN (EL SALVADOR) HAD ALREADY OCCURRED. I ASKED DE LA FLOR IF IT WOULD NOT BE BETTER TO MEET SUCH FALSE CHARGES HEAD ON SHOULD THAT BE REVIVED, BY FLATLY DENYING THEM. I ADDED THAT SURELY BASED ON THE EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION HIS GOVERNMENT MADE OF THE ORIGINS AND CONDUCT OF THOSE RIOTS LAST FEBRUARY, THEY ARE IN A POSITION TO KNOW, AND TO SO STATE, THAT NEITHER THE CIA NOR ANY OTHER ELEMENT OF THE USG WERE INVOLVED IN THEM IN ANY WAY (AS I HAVE TOLD HIM
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AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT MANY TIMES AND SO

STATED TO THE PRESS AT THE TIME OF THE RIOTING).

2. DE LA FLOR'S REACTION WAS NONCOMMITTAL BUT IT WAS
AGREED THAT WE WOULD DISCUSS FURTHER THE TIMING OF THE
ANNOUNCEMENT, AT LEAST WITH REGARD TO THE PERUVIAN
PORTION OF THE TRIP, AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY AFTER
HE HAD FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENT IN THIS
REGARD.

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